

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants: Gavin W. Halbert & Sima Hayavi  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 1, 2009, where the claims were divided into three (3) groups, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the claims of Group I (*i.e.*, Claims 1-3). Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional application on the non-elected subject matter or to take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

A Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently herewith.

Fees

A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response so that it will be deemed to have been timely filed. No other extension of time is believed due; however, if any additional extension is due, in this or any subsequent response, please consider this to be a petition for the appropriate extension and a request to charge the petition fee to Deposit Account

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Reply to Restriction Requirement dated: May 1, 2009

No. 16-0605. Likewise, no additional fees are believed due; however, if any fees are due, in this or any subsequent response, please charge Deposit Account 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

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